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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH
ORIENTAL AGENTS
Sole Agents for the
UNITED ASBESTOS CO.
PANY LTD LONDON
DODWELL & CO. LIMITED

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1899.

三拜禮

號五十月三英港香

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Yen 10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....10,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....6,960,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
KOBE, NEW YORK,
LONDON, LYONS,
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
BOMBAY, SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
PARIS BANK, LD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY: INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

S. CHOW, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.
N. A. STERN, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
J. J. BELL-IRVING, Esq.
E. GOETZ, Esq.
A. J. McCONACHIE, Esq.
DAVID GUTHRIE, Esq.
A. J. Raymond, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq.
R. H. Hill, Esq.
T. Sachse, Esq.
K. Shewan, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
HONGKONG: T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
SHANGHAI: J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS: LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG: INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1899.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 5 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£500,000
RESERVE FUND.....£450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Tails:
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000

Head Office: SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:
CANTON, HANKOW,
CHUNGHING, PEKING,
FOOCHOW, TIENTSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
3 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 6 months.
5 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 12 months.

E. W. RUTTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital.....£344,374

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq.
J. T. Laus, Esq.
Choy Tung Shing, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager:
G. W. T. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

JAPAN, &c. Tientsin.....G. H. C. Weston, R.N.R. About 16th March. Freight only.

SHANGHAI.....Rengul.....S. Darchani.....About 17th March. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. Parnamatta.....C. T. Denny, R.N.R. Noon, 18th March. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN.....Kohilla.....S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. 4 P.M., 18th March. Freight or Passage.

LONDON.....Bombay.....G. D. Saunders, R.N.R. About 23rd March. Freight or Passage.

(Passing through the Inland Sea.) (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1899.

WHISKIES.

IRISH. 1 doz. bottles. "HIGHLAND SEC. "TAR" Sole Agents for \$16.00
DUNVILLE'S V.R. "Special Liqueur" 15.00 "D.C.L." THE DISTILLERS 13.00
Do. "SCOTCH. "Sole Agents" \$13.00 "HIGHLAND CLUB" Co., Ltd. 10.00
P.D.C. "FINE OLD" "Our own Bottling" 16.00 DEWAR'S EXTRA SPECIAL OLD HIGH- 14.00
"CLUB" 12.00 LAND 14.00
"SPECIALLY SELEC- Do. Special 12.00
TED" 11.00 AMERICAN.
"SPINX BLEND" 10.00
"CHOICE OLD HIGH- 8.00 FINE OLD BOURBON \$18.00
LAND 7.00 CANADIAN RYE 15.00
"GLENLIVET"

H. PRICE & Co.,
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL

TRY THE



CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

LONDON.....1, 2 & 3, RANGON STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG.....15, QUEEN'S ROAD.

SHANGHAI.....4, FOOCHOW ROAD.

SINGAPORE.....FINLAYSON GREEN.

GLASGOW.....ST. ENOCH'S SQUARE.

Agencies in all the principal ports of China, Japan, Borneo and the Philippines.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899.

THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished, and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897.

W. POWELL & CO.

WOOL SHAWLS

AND

TRAVELLING WRAPS.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1899.

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS, of all kinds.
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS.
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

PEAK HOTEL

AND
CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea level.
CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLEASANT GAP, five minutes' walk from the PEAK HOTEL.

Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA, Manager.

CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1899.

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TANSAN.

FLETCHER & CO. and CARMICHAEL & CO.

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A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

BOVRIL AS A BEVERAGE

contains in a highly concentrated and easily digestible form the direct nourishment of prime ox beef, invigorating the healthy and strengthening invalids; whilst, for preparing sustaining Soups, Rich Gravies, Savoury Sauces, Croquettes, Rissoles and all Entrees, nothing equals

BOVRIL IN THE KITCHEN.

WATKINS & CO., Sole Agents.

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for
STRICT DYSENTERY, DIARRHOEA, HEMORRHOID and ULCERATION
of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale

THE PETER SYS COMPANY,
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),
9, Old China Street,
Shanghai.

12th October, 1898.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1899, the following RESOLUTION was passed:

That a CALL of ONE DOLLAR per Share upon all the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be PAID to the Company at their Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 17th day of April, 1899.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Articles 24 of the Company's Articles of Association interest will be charged as from the said 17th April, 1899, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum upon all CALLS remaining unpaid after the said 17th day of April, 1899, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' receipts for payment of the Call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the Call has been paid an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1898, on or before the 15th instant, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1899.

EYE-SIGHT.

NOTICE.

MR. N. LAZARUS

MAY BE CONSULTED FOR

SPECTACLES

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

AT

FLETCHER & Co.'s Pharmacy,

(OPPOSITE THE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

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Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

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Hotel.

WINDSOR HOTEL, HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant. Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

Proprietor & Manager:
P. BOHM.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1895.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 6, Praya Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the Purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 16th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1899.

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THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

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CHINA SUGAR REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Peddar Street, at NOON, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1899.

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LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Peddar Street, at 12.30 P.M., on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1899.

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NOTICE.

S.S. "LEON."

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Steamship has been sold by the Owner CHU WO TO JOHN ORMAECHEA, Esq., carrying on business at Manila as MENDEZONA y CA.

All persons having CLAIMS against the said Ship or the Owner thereof are required to send them in to the Undersigned on or before SATURDAY, the 18th instant, after which date NO CLAIM prior to that date will be recognized.

Dated the 14th March, 1899.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

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SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, will be received at the R. N. HOSPITAL until 10 A.M. on the 20th March, 1899, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Bread, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1900.

Sealed Tenders in duplicate will also be received for the Hospital Washing, and for Coal (Akaike's).

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital. The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

THOS. HOLSTER, Dep. Insp. Genl.

R. N. Hospital, Hongkong, 14th March, 1899.

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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above will find LISTS on which to enter their Names, in the HONGKONG CLUB and in the CRICKET PAVILION.

ENTRIES will CLOSE TO-MORROW, the 16th instant.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1899.

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Auction.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

MR. C. P. LAMBERT has received instructions from the Mortgagee to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION

on the premises on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1899, at 3 P.M.

ALL THAT Valuable LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situate Nos. 50, 52 and 54, Lower Lascar Row, Victoria, Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as SUBSECTIONS of SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 44.

The Property is held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 26th June, 1843, and for the further term of 224 years from the expiry of the said term of 75 years at the appraised CROWN RENT of £24.60.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS, 35, Queen's Road, Vendors Solicitors, and from the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

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To-day's Advertisements.

EVERY NIGHT at 9.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON at 3.

WARREN'S

WEST POINT.

A Live Fact
The Reigning Rage.
Electric Plaudits
of
Record, Multitudes
The Supreme Test
of Its Merits is Its
Unprecedented Triumph.

SEATS at Messrs. COTTELL & Co.

W. PFLUEGER,
Press Representative.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1899. [323a]

THEATRE ROYAL.

Commencing
SATURDAY, the 18th March, 1899.

VIVIANNE LA BELLE
DAGMAR PARISIENNE
COMEDY COMPANY.

"THE ELDER OF THE KIRK."

Comedy in two Acts.
To be followed by Select Varieties and
SERPENTINE CREATIONS.

Direct from Loie Fuller Miss Dagmar uses
four different dresses for these dances the
first 3 contain 500 yds. of silk
and the 4th 700 yds.
The Most Wonderful Dance of the
19th Century.

"DREAMS" "DAY" "NIGHT" "CREATIONS."

POPULAR PRICES \$2 & \$1

BOX OFFICE at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.
LIONEL WILLIS,
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1899. [338a]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed
that at the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING held in London recently, a FINAL
DIVIDEND of 3% was declared on the Com-
pany's Preference Shares for the 6 months
ending the 31st December, 1898, making 6%
in all.

A DIVIDEND of 10% for the same year was
also declared on the Company's Ordinary
Shares.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on
the 22nd instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st
instant, both days inclusive.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1899. [330a]

NOTICE.

IN conformity with the provisions of Regula-
tion IV. of the General Regulations for the
CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE, a
Board of Appointment will hold a Competitive
Examination at the HARBOUR MASTER'S
OFFICE, Canton, at 11 A.M. on the 24th instant,
to fill one vacancy for a pilot in the Canton
Pilotage Body.

Only those who have served an Apprenticeship
are eligible for Appointment.

W. NELSON LOVATT,
Harbour Master.

Custom House,
Canton, 15th March, 1899.

Approved:
E. B. DREW,
Commissioner. [356a]

TO LET FROM 1ST APRIL.

THE COMMODIOUS OFFICES on the
GROUND FLOOR of No. 9, Praya Central,
now occupied by Messrs. DODWELL & Co.,
LIMITED.

Apply to E. D. SASSOON & Co.,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [359a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
The Company's Steamship

"HAITIAN,"
Captain Ronch, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 17th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1899. [357a]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship—

"TIENTSIN,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT
SAID, SUEZ, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From Madras, via S.S. *Leontina*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 9
A.M. TO-MORROW.

Goods not cleared by the 21st instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1899. [358a]

Intimation.



A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS
SHERRIES.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY,
dinner-wine, Green Seal
Capsule \$10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE
NATURAL SHERRY,
White Capsule 12.00

CC.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY,
PALE NATURAL
SHERRY, Red Seal Cap-
sule 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, choice old
wine, White Seal Cap-
sule 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, very finest
quality, Black Seal Cap-
sule (Old Bottled) 20.40

B., C., and CC. are excellent dinner
Wines and suitable for invalids
and delicate stomachs. D. and E. are
after-dinner Wines of a very superior
vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample-bottles and smaller quanti-
ties will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and
Spirits to be genuine when bought
direct from us in the Colony or from
our authorised Agents at the Coast
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1899.

TELEGRAMS.

(By Telegraph.)

Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

ACCIDENT TO PRINCE HENRY.
SHANGHAI, March 14th.
5.55 p.m.

Prince Henry of Prussia was present at the
launch of a tow-boat to-day at Farnham's
Yard. A piece of wood fell from the rafters
striking the Prince on the head and inflicting
a wound which bled profusely. The Prince
was not seriously injured and made a speech
afterwards.

Received 6.15 p.m. 14th March.
Published 9.30 a.m. 15th March.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ITALY'S ULTIMATUM TO CHINA.
TIENTSIN, March 15th.
3.28 p.m.

The Italian Minister sent an ultimatum to
the Tsungli Yamen last Friday. The time
for an answer has expired and the Tsungli
Yamen has returned the document rudely.
Nobody seems to know what is pending and
the actions of Great Britain appear vague.

Received at 5 p.m.
Published at 5.30 p.m.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE SUEZ CANAL—THE OBSTRU-
TION REMOVED.

LONDON, March 15th.
The S.S. *Rydal Hall* which obstructed the
navigation of the Suez Canal, has been floated.

OBITUARY.

The death of Mrs. Keely the actress is
announced.

ITALY IN CHINA.

A discussion on the concession of San Mun
Bay to Italy has taken place in the House of
Commons. Mr. St. John Brodrick said that if
Italy can secure the concession by diplomacy,
Great Britain will welcome her appearance in
China. Great Britain's policy is the safeguard-
ing of her own interests and the non obstruction
of those of friendly powers; and that while
safeguarding her own interests Great Britain is
willing to support Italy by diplomatic means.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 15th
at 11.45 A. The barometer has fallen consider-
ably on the E. coast with indications of a de-
pression moving Eastwards over Central China.
Gradients slight on the coast, and in the N.
part of the China Sea. Forecast:—moderate
E winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ENTRIES for the Cricket Club's Lawn Tennis
Tournament close to-morrow, as announced in
our advertising columns.

The case of Aguinaldo v. the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank was adjourned on Tuesday
night until to-morrow morning, this afternoon
being set aside for the settling of certain issues
in Chambers.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's tenth
race will be sailed on Sunday next, the course
being from the Police Pier Kowloon passing
Channel Rocks (to port), Kowloon Rocks (to
port), and Meyer's East Buoy (to port), twice
round.

YESTERDAY forenoon some Chinamen were
engaged in excavating at Apichau, Aberdeen,
when the earth gave way and several of them
were buried beneath it. On being extricated
two were found to be dead, and another
was so seriously injured that he had to be taken
to the Hospital.

THERE will be a Hockey Match to-morrow
Thursday at 4.15 p.m. Club v. Maxim Company
Team. Messrs. Anton Brulson Cox Millward,
Rowbroft Robinson, Wilkinson, Thompson,
Wikefield Campbell, and Loring, play for
the Club The Maxim Team will be Messrs.
Hornby, Hooper, A. Brown, Morrell, Gerard,
Ellis, Sanders, Lammett, Thornhill, Wode-
house, and J. Grant Smith.

IN Kuala Kangsar (Pek) the other day, a
Malay, while cutting rattans, was killed by a
tiger. The lifeless body was found the same
day lying in the jungle with the neck broken,
while a bloodstained knife, with hair adhering
to it, and the foot-prints of a tiger, went to show
the manner in which the man had met his
death. A dead tiger has since been found badly
wounded about the neck.

As notified in our advertising columns Miss
Vivienne Dagmar and her Comedy Company
will give their first Performance at the Theatre
Royal, City Hall, on Saturday next. As will
be noticed from the advertisement, the prices of
admission are \$2 and \$1 only, and from what
the Straits Papers say of this talented company
it is evident that Hongkong is to have a first
rate entertainment at a very popular rate.

HUNDREDS of letters were received in Mel-
bourne by the mails from England immediately
after Christmas, bearing a penny stamp, from
persons who believed that the penny ocean
postage applied to Australia. The local post-
office surcharged each letter three-pence. Ja-
maica was accused of withholding proper notice
of its solitary aloofness (among the West Indian
Islands) from the scheme for the sake of the extra
revenue possible by this surcharging. Zan-
bar has lately given its adherence to the scheme.

A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held
to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. Order of the Day:—XII.
Agenda:—1. Appointment of a Secretary to the
Sanitary Board. 2. Correspondence concern-
ing the prohibition of Cattle Sheds within cer-
tain limits. 3. Further reports concerning the
outbreak of Bubonic Plague in Formosa. 4.
Report of outbreak of Plague in two villages
in Bengal. 5. Bubonic Plague Returns from
Bombay for January 31st to February 13th,
1899. 6. Mortality statistics for the Colony of
Hongkong for the week ending March 4th, 1899.
7. Mortality Returns for Macao for the weeks
ending February 19th and 26th, 1899.

THE departure this afternoon of Mr. W. Farmer,
was the signal for his business associates and
friends to tender him a right royal "Ion
Voyage." The hearty farewells attested highly
to Mr. Farmer's popularity and enterprise.
The festivities commenced on Tuesday
night with a dinner given in the
equestrian ring of Warren's Circus, and
presided over by Mr. Warren. This afternoon
promptly at 2, the cordial "au revoir," were
replied with renewed vigor. The scene of
animation, enlivened by a new-moored bouquet
of fire-crackers, was very reminiscent of a
New Year. The trip of the launch from Queen's
wharf to the S.S. *Taiyuan* was further ac-
centuated by the incessant roar of powder, inter-
persed by the inspiring music of Mr. Warren's
cornet band. Mr. Farmer has presided over
the Victoria Hotel for nine and a half years
and is leaving for a six months holiday through-
out Australia and New Zealand, returning with
his family. We join in extending him our best
wishes for a happy tour and a speedy return.

THE SUMMER CRUISE OF THE
FLEET.

THE following, we understand is the pro-
gramme for the summer cruise of the British
fleet:—

CRUISE 1899.

Part I.

Name of Place. Arrive. Leave. Number of Days. Remarks.

Wellington. 20 June. 20 June. 1. Harbour.

Port Hamilton. 22 June 21 June. 1. "

Hongkong. 1st July 27 June. 2. "

Port Louis. 29 June 27 June. 2. "

Bourbon. 1st July 27 June. 2. "

Reunion. 3rd July 27 June. 2. "

St. Paul. 5th July 27 June. 2. "

St. Peter. 7th July 27 June. 2. "

St. John. 9th July 27 June. 2. "

St. James. 11th July 27 June. 2. "

St. George. 13th July 27 June. 2. "

St. Mark. 15th July 27 June. 2. "

St. Luke. 17th July 27 June. 2. "

St. Anthony. 19th July 27 June. 2. "

St. Nicholas. 21st July 27 June. 2. "

St. Basil. 23rd July 27 June. 2. "

St. Constantine. 25th July 27 June. 2. "

St. Helena. 27th July 27 June. 2. "

St. David. 29th July 27 June. 2. "

St. Peter. 31st July 27 June. 2. "

THE PUNJIM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

This forenoon the second ordinary general
meeting of shareholders in the Punjim Mining
Company, Limited was held at the offices of the
Company, No. 4, Praya Central, Mr. David
Gillies occupied the chair, and there were also
present Messrs. J. H. Lewis, (Capt.), Burnie
(Directors), J. B. Duncan (sec.), H. Wickham, G.
Cox, W. H. Gaskell, S. B. Bhabha, K. J. V.
Jorge, W. E. Clement, P. M. N. de Silva, (Capt.)
Ellis, and E. W. Terry.

The Secretary read the notice convening the
meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the report
having been in your hands for some days with
your permission we will consider it as having
been read. Your directors are very much
disappointed that they are not in a position to
lay before you more favourable report on the
working of our mines during the past twelve
months. We have done our utmost to
accomplish the end we had in view, but so far
success has not attended our endeavours. In the
early part of the year our hopes were buoyant
with the fair prospect of being able to
dispose of our concession on favourable terms,
which would have given us a good price and
admitted of our retaining one half interest in
the property in full paid-up shares; but owing
to adverse circumstances influencing the
London market, our expectations in this
direction were not realised. Since we met at
our last annual meeting an immense amount of
prospecting has been done with the view of
finding a payable lode, but so far our efforts
have not been altogether successful. We have
cut several very promising looking bodies of
stone, but in nearly every instance the lode
proved to be of a very low grade, which would
not pay the cost of passing it through the
mill. You are all doubtless aware that the
large body of payable ore found in the Jalis
mine was almost entirely exhausted nearly two
years ago, and since that time the mill has been
kept going on the large heaps of headings left
by the Chinese who, we have reason to believe,
mined in this part of the country for over one
hundred and fifty years; during that period
many thousands tons of stone after having been
quarried were rejected and thrown into the
neighbouring jungle, on account of the quartz
being of too low grade to pay the expense of
winning the gold by the primitive methods then
in practice. These headings have kept the mill
going for nearly two years, crushing from 2,000
to 2,500 ounces of fine gold per month, repay-
ing a fair profit on the outlay, but when we
take into consideration the large amount
expended on Jalis Mine for prospecting, driving
on the ore body, and sinking winzes, all with a
view to prove the lode, it is somewhat discourag-
ing to find at the end of the year that we have
not yet located the true lode and that our finan-
cial returns show a debit balance on the
year's working of \$19,840.98. I must however
tell you gentlemen that gold mining in the
State of Nevada is a very difficult problem indeed.
We are almost weekly discovering a most pre-
cious mineral, but giving indication that we are in
the immediate vicinity of gold-bearing rock,
but after driving a few feet further the indica-
tions become less pronounced and the leader
pinches out and partially disappears. The
whole of the country rock at Jalis from the 300
feet upwards is so much broken up and dis-
turbed by volcanic eruption that no reliance can
be placed on what in other spheres would be
looked upon as well defined indications. Never-
theless, your Directors are convinced
that we have good prospects of discovering in
the near future a valuable mine at Punjim;
gold is to be found all over the country and we
may reasonably assume, more particularly if
we take into consideration the good fortune
they have met with at Rada, that success will
yet attend our efforts in discovering the lode
we have looked so long and so anxiously for.
The working of the cyanide process during the
past year has not been satisfactory owing to
the tailings containing such a very large per-
centage of decomposition products of the iron
pyrites, rendering them impenetrable to the
action of the cyanide. The only tailings we
have had for some time to undergo the cyanide
treatment are those got from the milling of the
headings which have been exposed for a
long period of years to the action of the
weather causing an insoluble basic iron salt
found to be most destructive of cyanide and
making it comparatively useless in the extrac-
tion of gold, we have tried many experiments
with the view of overcoming this serious diffi-
culty but up to the present I regret to say with
only partial success. We have now secured
the services of a competent and enterprising
Manager at the mines and the Board is con-
fident that he will devote all his energy and
ability to make Punjim a dividend paying
mine. When Mr. Bailey was in Hongkong a
short time ago with the object of consulting the
Board on some important points connected
with the development of our property, he sub-
mitted a short report on the probable value of
the concession and I now embrace the
opportunity of reading it to you, it is dated
Pahang, 18th February and runs as follows:—
"Gentlemen, I am unable to present to you
an annual report of the operations on your
property for last year in such definite form, or
on such lines as I would be pleased to do,
having been there but a little over three
months of that period. During this time
I have devoted myself to getting an under-
standing of the general conditions existing
at and about the mines from a commercial
standpoint and in accordance with your
instructions as I have understood them, have
carried on prospecting work as rigorously as
seemed at all practicable and possible consist-
ing with a judicious expenditure of money and
with reasonable economy. As you have been
advised this prospecting has not been pro-
ductive of any definite results one way or the
other, nor could it have been expected to be
unless we had been favoured by most excep-
tional good fortune during that brief period.
The details of the work done have been fully
reported from time to time so I will not go into
the particulars thereof now. From what has
been done heretofore, what I have been able
to do, and I have an able to judge of the
property from surface working, explorations by
the natives, and such other indications as they
are to guide an expert in forming an opinion I
can only say definitely, as is already well
known, that a considerable extent of our ter-
ritory is gold bearing beyond a doubt, that there
are well defined lodes existent in it, and that
the geological formation of the country being
slate and porphyry for the most part, is perhaps
the most favourable of any formation for the
existence of payable gold lodes, it cannot but be
more probable that in the large area of land
owned by the Punjim Company there will be
found not only a lode but more likely several
lodes of payable value, these however can only
be brought to light by pursuing our present
policy of activity, and assiduously searching and
prospecting for them." Gentlemen, I think we
have no reason to call in question the bona fides
of our Manager, in my opinion this is a straight-
forward and unbiased report on our concession
which is full of hope and promise to share-
holders. It gives me much pleasure to inform
you that our new lease of the Punjim Conces-
sion was prepared on the 10th day of Septem-
ber last, between the British Resident on behalf
of the Sultan of Pahang, on the one part and
the Punjim Gold Mining Company on the

other part for a term of fifty years dating from
April, 1898. The area granted is fifty square
miles, being ten miles long and five miles
wide, with the length running on the lay of the
gold bearing country rock. The lease provides
that the company has full mining rights over
the whole area granted together with ample
timber rights. The deed was executed by the
company on the 13th September, 1898 and
subsequently completed by the Resident and a
copy is kept among the archives of the com-
pany's head office. Mr. Duncan, secretary, is
desirous of taking a trip home on account
of family affairs, and the Board has granted
leave of absence for 8 months; Mr. Gaskell,
has consented to take on the Secretary's duties
during his absence.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted,
on the motion of the chairman, seconded by
Mr. G. C. Cox.

Messrs. D. Gillies and J. H. Lewis were re-
elected directors, on the motion of Mr. Wickham,
seconded by Mr. Duncan.

On the motion of Captain Ellis, Messrs.
Gaskell and Henderson were re-elected audi-
tors.

This was all the business.

SAD DEATH OF A BLUEJACKET.

This morning while landing for drill at
Kowloon, a seaman of the *Centurion* was
obliged to fall out of the masts feeling faint.
He was left sitting leaning against a tree and
when next seen was found to be dead. It is
supposed that he died of heart disease.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MANILA, March 7th, 1899.

It is becoming more and more apparent daily
that the war between the Americans and
Filipinos will be a prolonged one, continuing
on an indefinite period. In spite of the fact
that the Filipinos have not the advantage of the
blessings of modern military education, in spite
of the fact that they are ill-fed and clad and
unpaid, and as a matter of fact, handicapped
all round, they still prove a stubborn enemy,
who will probably give the Americans more
trouble than they bargained for when they pur-
chased the claim to the Philippines from Spain.
Without a force of about 35,000 men the Amer-
icans can only remain on the defensive, with
the exception of the offensive undertakings of
the warships, and cannot successfully operate
against the enemy so as to make short work
of them. With a force of the number above
mentioned at their disposal, the American
commanders can, provided they have the
powers necessary, surround the Filipinos, hem-
ming them in on all sides, and then hold out the
inevitable alternatives—death or surrender.

Since my last despatch fighting has taken
place practically every day in some point
of other. The death roll is likewise swell-
ing daily, of course, that of the Filipinos
predominating. What is to be the end of all this
fighting, fire and general destruction? A
Spanish comic paper called *El Zio Periplo*.
(The true old uncle) publishes a picture which
gives a fitting and appropriate answer to this
query. It is the picture of a town completely
reduced to ruins, without a single soul, and fly-
ing prominently is the Stars & Stripes.

The transports *Senator* and *Ohio* have arrived.
The former has on board 684 men of the 22nd
Infantry Regiment and the latter brought 729
men belonging to the same organization. The
Senator also brought 14,000 Krag-Jorgensen
repeating rifles which are intended to replace
the Springfield rifles now in use on the front line.
The transport *Centurion*, which brings 4th
Infantry Battalion of the 7th, was reported
at Singapore the day before yesterday and will
probably be here on Friday or Saturday.

It was with feelings of pleasure that the news
was received here of Rear-Admiral Dewey's
promotion to full Admiral, and chief of the
U. S. Navy. It is needless to say that the pro-
motion was well merited and fully deserved and
that Admiral Dewey is the right man in the
right place. At the same time General Otis
received his promotion to be Major-General
of the U. S. regular army. He was previously
Major-General of the regulars and Major-
General of the Volunteers.

The *Baltimore* arrived here on Saturday
bringing the two members of the special com-
mission, Professors Schumann and Worcester.
A recent acquisition to the American Army
of occupation is a number, too odd, of cavalry
horses, imported from the States. These
are full-grown, large animals who will, no doubt,
render very valuable service. It is calculated
that a charge of cavalry men, mounted on these
horses, would easily disperse a large force of
Filipinos who have not been drilled against
such attacks.

NEWS FROM CEBU.

Advices from Cebu have been received here
to-day. The *Pigmy* arrived there on the 16th
Feb. from Iloilo, the *Kaiserin Augusta* follow-
ing on the 20th. The Consuls advised the
natives that any attempt to destroy foreign
property, would lead to the landing of parties
of natives for protection. Some discussion was
aroused between the older and younger sections of
the natives and the older and wiser ones prevailed
and there was no outbreak.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

At noon to-day the 15th annual ordinary meeting of shareholders was held at the company's office, No. 9, Praya Central. Mr. R. Sheehan presided, and there were also present Messrs. D. Gillies, J. H. Lewis, A. J. Raymond (directors), O. P. M. N. da Silva (Secretary), A. Babbington, W. H. Gaskill, F. Henderson, and Fung Wah Cheung.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, you are familiar with the report and accounts which have been in your hands for some time past, and unless you wish to do so, I will not read them now. As usual we propose to pay a dividend of 20%, and we also recommend placing \$3,750, to reserve, which will bring the Fund up to \$50,000; and I trust this course will meet with your approval. The result, as stated in the report is a record one, but it has been obtained more perhaps by luck than by good management, and it is by no means certain that with the present troubled political outlook in the Philippines, we shall be able to repeat such a performance this year, on the contrary, it is a very unlikely. At the present moment, our interest in Manila is to the effect, that the hemp ports are all closed, and that such hemp as we require cannot be got at any price. We were fortunate last year in having made forward purchases of hemp at low prices, but lately the price of the raw material has been so high, that we have bought no more than was absolutely necessary for our current requirements, and consequently, we have only a small stock on hand at the moment. As regards sales, we fully expected that high prices of hemp would check consumption, but in spite of this and of our increased output, we have succeeded so far in finding markets for it all, and can only hope that this satisfactory state of things may continue. As the remaining portion of Island Lot No. 906 on which our factory stands, is in the market, and its purchase by others would have shut us in, and prevented any further extension of the works in the future, it was decided to buy it for the Company, and utilize a part of it in the meantime by building another godown for hemp &c. This explains the item of \$30,500 in the balance sheet. The item of \$8,658.28 additional machinery, simply completes the extensions decided upon in the previous year. The other items are the usual ones, and require no explanation, but if any shareholder has any questions to ask, I shall be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

No questions were asked, and the report and statement of accounts were read, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fung Wah Cheung.

Messrs. Gillies, Lewis, Raymond, and Sheehan were re-elected directors, on the motion of Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Fung Wah Cheung.

Messrs. T. Arnold and F. Henderson were re-elected auditors on the Motion of Mr. Gillies, seconded by Mr. Raymond.

The Chairman said that this was all the business, and that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow.

CLIPPINGS FROM HOME PAPERS.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.
The British Commission on the Paris Exhibition find their position much improved by the increase of the Treasury grant from £75,000 to £130,000, but their work in the arrangement of British representation proceeds but slowly owing to the dilatory action of the responsible French authorities.

SPANISH TOBACCO.
A large depulment from Valencia arrived in Madrid on 3rd ult. in order to ask authorisation for the cultivation of tobacco in all parts of Spain where the ground is suitable with the view of thereby doing away with the necessity of importing American tobacco, of which there is at present a large consumption in Spain.

GENERAL BLACK RETIRES.
Major-General Wilson Black, C.B., who recently relinquished the command of the troops at Hongkong, has been retired on the pension of £200 per annum on attaining the age of sixty-two. The gallant officer went through the Crimean and South African campaigns, receiving the C.B. for his services in the latter.

THE HEALTH OF DREYFUS SATISFACTORY.
According to the latest news received by the Dreyfus family, the prisoner's health is satisfactory. If the new law for revision be ratified by Parliament the united Chambers of the Court of Cassation will pronounce their decision early in April. The detailed report of the inquiry held before the Court of Cassation, occupying some 1,500 pages, will be published.

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.
A Consular report dealing with commercial education in Belgium notes that, with a view to the development of Belgian trade with Russia and the Far East, the Minister of Public Instruction has decided to create four new Professorships at the State Universities of Ghent and Liège for the study of Russian, Chinese, Persian, and Modern Arabic. Professors of Russian and Chinese have also been appointed at the University of Louvain.

ONE ASS AT A TIME.
"In the course of a lecture" to an unimpressive Scotch audience, De Rougemont, talking of "the dear dead days," explained that he had a good memory and a better imagination. An unbeliever in the unreserved seats pined in asking unceremonious questions, which ultimately brought out an interesting reflection: "I have always found," said the wanderer, "that it was enough for one ass to bray at a time"—and, thereafter he had peace.

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.
It is reported that a start is to be made this year with the reconstruction of the central section of the Great Siberian Railway. It was recognised almost from the first that the rails laid down were far too light for the needs of the line, being, indeed, one-third lighter than the already light rails of European Russia. Besides the re-laying of the rails, all the bridges, now of wood, are to be replaced by iron ones. It is not stated by what time the work is expected to be completed.

FRENCH PRESS ON THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.
The *Figaro* says: "The distinctive character of the speech is its reserve. Thanks are due for this discretion, which is somewhat haughty, perhaps, but certainly in very good taste. Let us congratulate ourselves on seeing that the cause of peace has been sincerely served by the British Ministry, and let us remember that, when an equivocal or bitter expression might compromise everything, the situation is completely saved by the policy of silence which is a mark of deference and respect." The *Figaro* referring to the same subject, says: "Every one in the two Houses is prepared to vote in favour of Lord Salisbury for his foreign policy." As for the domestic reforms mentioned in the Ministerial programme, none of them appear calculated seriously to shake the firmest of Cabinets, nor even to give rise to any animated debate. There is, however, one question which, whatever Mr. Balfour may say, may stir public opinion to its depths, as indeed it already does.

and which may completely modify British policy—namely, the question of Russia in the Protestant Church. The position of the Government is very delicate.

BEGINNING THE YEAR WELL.
Mr. Ritchie, M.P., replying to the toast of her Majesty's Government, at the dinner of the Chamber of Shipping, said that in dealing with any shipping question, he had always made himself acquainted with the feeling of the shipping industry. With regard to trade and commerce, we had commenced the year very well. Our exports and imports were three millions over the corresponding period of last year. He doubted whether shipowners had ever had better times than at present.

A QUEER MISTAKE.
The Bandmaster of the Elysée and the Master of Ceremonies made an unfortunate blunder on 2nd ult. A dinner was given to the Bureau of both Chambers. The Garde Republicaine played a selection of airs in the greenhouse, on which the dining-room opens. It is customary on such an occasion for the concert to begin with the "Marseillaise," which is played by the Presidential party entering one of the State saloons. But, departing from habit, the opening air on this occasion was "Si j'étais Roi."

THE DESIGNS OF FRANCE.
La *France Militaire* states that a battalion of marine infantry and two battalions of Tong-King tirailleurs are in readiness at Haiphong to cross over and occupy the bay of Kwong-chow in the peninsula of Lei-chow. This is in accordance with an arrangement made with the Chinese Government early in 1898. The valleys, which run towards the bay, are well cultivated, and support a large population. It is also hoped by building a railway to divert in the same direction some of the trade of Hongkong.

BORN ON A POLICE ANNUANCE.
A young married woman named Adelaide Dole was found lying in Greenwich-road, Greenwich, the other night apparently very ill. A constable was summoned, and the divisional surgeon was also sent for. The doctor ordered the removal of the woman to the Greenwich Infirmary. She was conveyed there by the police on an ambulance, but before the infirmary was reached she had given birth to a female child. It was ascertained upon inquiry next morning at the institution that both mother and daughter were doing well.

AUSTRALIAN COLONIES AND FEDERATION.
Sir J. Forrest, Premier of Western Australia, speaking in Melbourne, declared that he was in favour of federation, but feared that he had a hard task before him to convince Western Australia. Sir G. Turner, Premier of Victoria, has, says a *Times* telegram from Melbourne, been receiving telegrams from New South Wales and South Australia complimenting him on his action at the conference. Mr. Kingston, Premier of South Australia, stated in Adelaide, in the course of an interview, that he was well satisfied with the amendments and sanguine that federation was close at hand.

DISORDERLY RIFLES.
The Russian Government, the *Birmingham Post* states, has definitely declined to interfere in the dispute which arose between the Chinese Government and a Russian agent in connection with the purchase by the former from the latter of 50,000 obsolete rifles. It may be remembered that the Chinese authorities refused to accept the rifles on their delivery in Peking on the ground that there was not enough money to pay for them; but payment was demanded, and the Russian Minister in Peking was appealed to. The Russian agents will apparently be heavy losers.

THE POPE.
An official account is published of the audience granted by the Pope on 4th ult. to the students of the new Collegio Beda in Rome, an English seminary chiefly for converts to the Roman Catholic faith. The Pope, in addressing them, recalled with what solicitude he had striven to secure the return of England to the ancient faith. He did not conceal from himself the immense difficulties in the way of this noble enterprise, but he trusted in Divine grace, and he rejoiced in the numerous conversions already effected. His Holiness finally begged God to bless a work of such moment for the spiritual welfare of the English nation.

THE REPORTED ARRANGEMENT WITH GERMANY.
In answer to the question in the House of Lords regarding the arrangement with Germany, news of which was given first to the world by the *Pall Mall Gazette* in the summer, Lord Salisbury said: "The agreements or communications that have passed between Germany and Great Britain have been of a character favourable to the friendship of those two great nations, to the rights of nations, and to the peace of the world. But I do not think I should be doing my duty if I were to go into details on the stipulations, which for a time at least require no action on the part of Great Britain."

A CHINESE PLAY.
The Chinese play *The Cat and the Cherry*, which was performed some time ago at the Lyric and also at the Royalty, has under the title of *San Lin*, been converted into an opera, the music being from the pen of Mr. Victor Hollaender, conductor at the Coronet Theatre. The new work, which is in one act and three tableaux, the German libretto being from the pen of Herr Hermann Blau, was produced with very great success at the State Opera House, Breslau, on 2nd ult., in the presence of the composer. Mr. Hollaender has contrived to invest his music with a certain amount of Chinese local colour. Arrangements are, it is said, in progress for the production of *San Lin* in London.

H.M.S. "RESISTANCE" SUNK.
Her Majesty's ship *Resistance*, on route for Rockferry, Liverpool, from Portsmouth, went down on 9th ult. off the mouth of Holyhead Harbour of refuge. She had previously struck on the Skerries Lighthouse rocks seven miles away. At the time she foundered the *Resistance* was in tow of the powerful tug *Challenger*, and *Wrecker*, belonging to Liverpool. Precautions will be adopted for the safety of passing vessels, and, if possible, the vessel will be floated and beached at Penrhos. The *Resistance* is in the list of vessels "to be sold," and was on her way to Liverpool to be broken up. She is an armour-plated iron ship of 6,270 tons, and has been used for experiments at Portsmouth.

THE PLAQUE-STRIKEN SHIP AT ZANZIBAR.
The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce has, states a *Times* telegram addressed the Bengal Government regarding the recent repulsion of the steamer *Bhandara* from Zanzibar. The letter concludes by stating that the consequences of the action taken by the Zanzibar authorities may prove extremely disastrous when it comes to the knowledge of the foreign Powers, and may possibly result in steps being taken at European ports to prevent the landing of any rice or grain cargo shipped from plague-infected ports in India. The Chamber asks the Bengal Government to address the Government of India urgently requesting that a strong protest should be presented against the action of the Zanzibar authorities.

THE POLICEMAN AND THE SPIRITUALIST.
A curious story is told of a credulous policeman, who was stationed in a village not far from Plymouth. Recently, he was present at a local entertainment at which a lady professed to reveal the secrets of the future. Carried away

by his enthusiasm, the policeman propounded a question. The mystery of a local burglary, engrossed his mind, and the question was on that topic. "The lady vividly described the scene of the crime, and told how three men carried off the treasure. The constable, treating these revelations as 'information received,' arrested a man corresponding to his conception of the burglar. The chief officer's surprise when he learned the foundation of the constable's suspicion may be imagined. The prisoner, of course, was immediately liberated."

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD'S MISSION.
Lord Charles Beresford's visit to the Yangtze forms the subject of a long article the *Times* has received from its Shanghai correspondent. The objects of the mission were three in number:—(1) To inquire into the general conditions of trade in the Yangtze Valley; (2) to obtain from the provincial authorities the fulfilment of the promise made to him in Peking that China would invite a British officer of high rank to undertake the reorganization of her army; and (3) to examine the conditions of navigation of the river above Ichang. Lack of time prevented the journey through the Ichang gorges, but having inspected the Yungtsi, that carry the Chung-King trade, Lord Charles Beresford is convinced that the introduction of steam navigation over the rapids would present no insuperable difficulties, and that the general conditions compare favourably with those on the Nile.

A NEW IMPENETRABLE CUIRASS.
Some remarkable experiments were made recently at Asnières with a new cuirass constructed by a French inventor, M. Threud. The essential portion of the cuirass is a sheet of metal, the composition of which is the secret of the inventor. The plate is fitted with an inner and outer lining, the nature of which is also a secret, while the manner in which the linings are fixed is said to add to the impenetrability of the cuirass. The weight of the cuirass is about 7 lb. 14 oz.

The authorities having declined to allow the inventor the use of a Lebel rifle, a Mauser rifle of a calibre of 6 millimetres was employed. A shot was fired from a distance of about seventy yards. It struck the cuirass well in the centre. On examination the front of the cuirass was found to be torn, but the indent made on the metal plate was very slight, and the back lining was quite intact. In a word the impenetrability of the cuirass had proved to be perfect.

SPAIN.
The floating debt of the Treasury has increased during the month of January 17,404,611 pesetas. The Duke of Tetuan, formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs, contradicts the statement that General Woodford, when he was American Minister at Madrid, presented a note to the Spanish Government demanding the removal of General Weyler from his post. "The Cabinet Council on 9th ult. lasted four hours. It was occupied almost exclusively with the question of the abolition of the Ministry for the Colonies, which was ultimately decided upon. A decree carrying this decision into effect will immediately be presented to the Queen-Regent for signature. It was stated afterwards that the Premier was authorized to revoke the suspension of the constitutional guarantee when he thought fit, and that Señor Sagasta would come to an understanding on the subject with the Minister of the Interior. The latter stated that the measure would not come into effect with little delay, but with certain exceptions in regard to public order and the rights of meeting and association."

DUNLOP RUBBERS AND MR. HOOLEY.
At the meeting of the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company (France), the chairman, Mr. Harvey du Cros, read a series of letters the board had received from Earl de La Warr and Lord Althorpe, which were to the effect that both gentlemen were willing and anxious to hand over certain amounts recently received from Mr. Hooley. They again strongly denied the allegations of Mr. Hooley in connection with the transactions. In respect of a sum of £20,000 paid to Earl de La Warr it was stated that a cross claim by him against Mr. Hooley's estate reduced this particular sum to £6,000. If, however, his liability failed to establish his claim this sum of £20,000 would also be paid over. The letters stated that the two companies in regard to whose affairs the money was alleged to be paid had no legal or moral right to the money, and counsel had so advised, but still their lordships were anxious to disburse the money. The accounts, a shareholder characterized the correspondence as interesting but discursive.

RUSSIA.
The official announcement is made that the Emperor, from his private purse, has paid into the treasury of the Russian Red Cross Society the sum of 1,000,000 roubles, to be used in assisting the peasants who are suffering from the failure of the harvest in 1898. The reality of the distress which the Emperor thus seeks to alleviate is now beyond dispute, and the newspapers daily publish reports from the various parts of Russia affected, and suggestions as to the measures of relief which should be adopted. "The *Times*," for instance, states that in more than ten districts neither the sower nor the spring crops of last year produced anything at all, and that in consequence food for both human beings and cattle had had to be brought long distances at very great expense. Nearly all the Powers have now agreed to take part in the peace-conference. Several have sent in their adhesion with scarcely any reservation, as if to show that they have no confidence of anything practical resulting from the conference. Other Powers, including Great Britain, have made reservations concerning several of the proposals contained in Count Muraviev's programme."

RESTAURANT LAMP FOR CLERKENWELL.
The Clerkenwell Vestry having acquired a plot of ground facing Rosebery Avenue and abutting upon Farringdon-road and Exmouth-street, the chairman, Mr. Millward, recently declared it open and dedicated to public use. At the same time he inaugurated a "restaurant" in the form of a lamp from which by pressing one or other of a number of buttons hot coffee, cocoa, and beef tea can be obtained for a halfpenny or penny, according to the quantity required. The novelty proved a great attraction, and a NEW ELECTRIC LAMP.

In a paper read before the Society of Arts Mr. James Swinburne, the eminent chemist, described a new electric lamp which he declared to be the greatest invention in electric lighting that we have seen for many years. Professor Ayrton, who joined in the discussion, described it as an entirely new departure in electric lighting. The new lamp is, says the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, the invention of a young German professor, Walther Nernst, of the University of Göttingen. The lamp does not require to be enclosed in *vacuo*, as does the carbon filament of the present glow-lamp, but in the Nernst lamp the light is emitted by a rod of a new kind of rare earth similar to those used in the manufacture of the Welsbach mantle. These rods do not conduct electricity when cold, but when heated they do, giving out a mild yellowish light. Mr. Swinburne explained that the lamp will work equally well at any pressure. Thus high pressures may be used with much smaller mains, and a consequent economy in copper. The lamp gives one candle light for one and a half Watts of current, as against one candle for a consumption of four Watts by the present glow-lamp. The new lamp created quite a sensation at the Society of Arts.

A KINETOSCOPIC WONDER.

A curious spectacle is seen when a series of photographs used in a kinoscope is reversed. For example, a drinker takes up an empty glass and replaces it full upon the table; a smoker sees the stump of a cigar flying at him from the floor, takes it to his mouth and sees the smoke originate in the room, draws it into his mouth and into his cigar, which is gradually lengthened and finally replaced in the pocket. A wrestler, who has probably thrown away his garments, is recovered with them by their, so to speak, walking up on him to their places, while he himself performs motions of which we can understand nothing, because we never saw these most ordinary motions performed backward; a man, for instance, seated at a table before an empty plate, works hard, taking bite after bite from his mouth, until the chicken is whole again on the dish before him, the side dishes are also returned to their respective places.—(*Vitumn* (Minn.) Herald.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.
MARCH.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.
Barometer 30.039
Thermometer 62.0
Humidity 85.0
Rainfall 4.08

TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT.
On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.11 30.04
Thermometer 67 70
Humidity 67 66
Rainfall — —

TO-DAY.
Wednesday, 15th March, 1899.
Chinese—5th of 2nd moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 06min.
Sets 5hr. 55min.
High water—Morning 10hr. 46min.
Afternoon none
Low water—Morning 4hr. 32min.
Afternoon 5hr. 22min.

ANNIVERSARIES.
1849—Cardinal Mezzofanti died.
1865—Governor Sir H. Robinson left Hongkong for Ceylon.

TO-MORROW.
Thursday, 16th March, 1899.
Chinese—5th of 2nd moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.
Sun—Rises 6hr. 06min.
Sets 5hr. 55min.
High water—Morning 10hr. 46min.
Afternoon 1hr. 06min.
Low water—Morning 4hr. 32min.
Afternoon 5hr. 19min.

ANNIVERSARIES.
1521—Magellan reached the Ladrone Islands.
1841—Fateh and Dutch Folly forts captured.
1861—Duchess of Kent, the Queen's mother, died.
1866—Chinese Envoy Ping and suite left Shanghai for Europe.
1876—H.M. the Queen created Empress of India.
1881—Cremation of the late Queen of Siam at Bangkok.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
English (Bangkok) to-morrow.
Australian (Moumar) 19th inst.
Canadian (Rupert of China) 20th inst.
American (America) 21st inst.
Australian (Tokio Maru) 24th inst.
American (City of Peking) 29th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Tartar*, left Kobe for Yokohama yesterday, the 14th, where she is due to arrive at daylight to-morrow, the 16th inst.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Tokio Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port yesterday, the 14th, and is expected to arrive here on the 24th inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.
Isla de Cuba at Kowloon Dock.
Isla de Luzon " " "
Hul " " "
H.I.G.M.S.P. Whelm " " "
Chusan " " "
Produce " " "
Taitte " " "
Arizona " " "
Machong " " "
U.S.S. Whinnock " " "
H.M.S. Whiting " " "
D. Juan d'Austria " Cosmopolitan "
Pha Chon Klao " "
Chittagong " Aberdeen "

PASSED THE CANAL.
Outward—14th February *Pyrrhus*, *Elphinstone*, *Tienlin*, 17th February *Yarra*, 21st February *Baltic*, 24th February *Braut*, *Sinona*, *Myrmidon*, 28th February *Candia*, *Hyson*, *Sarpedon*, 3rd March *Margus Bacquehem*, *Litkevald*, *Kara*, *Vortigern*, 7th March *Afridi*, *Orestes*, *Calania*, *Savio*, *Homeward*—7th Mar. *Energia*, *Laos*, *Nestor*.

Masonic.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 8th March, 1899. [327a]

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HAILONG, Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [317a]

CHINA-NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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"HUPEH," Captain Quail, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [316a]

FOR KOBE. THE Steamship

"KONOURA MARU," Captain Shiina, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [348a]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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"ESMERALDA," Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above port, TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at 5 P.M., instead of as previously advertised. This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Manager. Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [329a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR NINGPO. THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW," Captain Smale, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [342a]

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR," Captain J. G. Olfert, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [354a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"MENELAUS," Captain Towell, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at Noon. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [309a]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship

"MOYUNE," Captain Conradi, will be despatched for the above ports, on or about the 1st of March. To be followed by the "LIV." Captain Jacobs, sailing about 15th April. For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 20th February, 1899. [249a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE. THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN," Captain Ramsay, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [343a]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR STRAITS AND LONDON. THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGWO," H. Harris, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 1st of April. For Freight, &c., apply to HOLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [344a]

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1899. [315a]

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FUTAMI MARU C. Hillcoat	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	Friday, 31st March, at 4 P.M.

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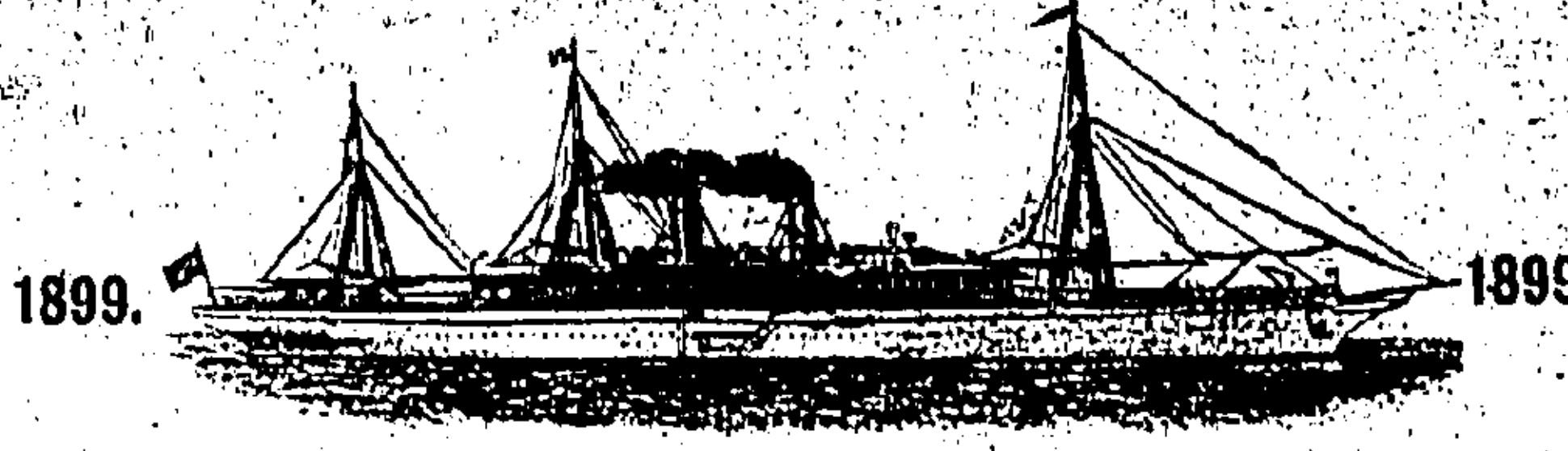
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lulu) Thursday, 30th Mar,

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HONGKONG MARU (via

Shanghai, Nagasaki,

Kobe, Inland Sea,

Yokohama & Hono-

lulu) Tuesday, 25th April,

at Noon.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [1416]

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STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,

AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

HONGKONG.

FROM VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Glenage... [3,750] J. McGillivray... [Mar. 21]

Olympia... [2,837] J. Truebridge... [April 1]

Victoria... [3,502] F. Patton... [April 25]

Tacoma... [2,811] A. Dixon... [May 15]

Also

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,

IN CONNECTION WITH

OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVI-

IGATION COMPANY.

Columbia... [2,976] N. Moncur... [April 5]

Monmouthshire... [2,871] W. A. Evans... [May 6]

Lennox... [3,677] Williamson... [June 5]

Columbia... [2,976] N. Moncur... [July 8]